

Read the text below and answer questions 1 to 8

Sherry and Superstitions

Sherry was born on 13 February, 2008. She's a city girl, born and bred in Kuala Lumpur. Her mum, Dr Zaiton and her dad, Dr Shanon are medical doctors.

One week before Hari Raya last year, Sherry went to a small kampung in Sik, Kedah with her parents. Her grandparents had just moved there to live. Most of the kampung folks there were farmers and fishermen. Sherry had never been to such a place. Nevertheless, she enjoyed the cool breeze and the lush greenery. It was a good break from city life.

The first morning, Sherry was startled by someone pulling her blanket. She looked at her smartphone. It was only eight in the morning.

"I'm so sleepy! Can't I sleep a bit longer?" she pleaded with her grandmother.

"Don't wake up late, or you'll find it difficult to get a husband next time," replied her grandmother. Sherry knew that it was better to listen to her grandmother. In fact, during the car journey to Sik, her mother had told her superstitions were still very much alive in that small village.

Sherry woke up, yawning and rubbing her eyes. The night before, she stayed up to finish reading a novel. Reading novels has been her favourite pastime since she was eight. Sherry took a shower and joined the family for breakfast.

"The floor is also the dining table?" she wondered.

"Don't eat with your plate on your lap, or your marriage will be on the rocks!" cried her grandmother. Sherry nodded and put the plate of fried noodles on the floor. She found it very difficult to eat that way. Feeling uncomfortable, Sherry stood up and moved about while eating.

"Don't move about while eating or your marriage will fail."

Sherry turned around to come face-to-face with her grandaunt. Sherry greeted her politely and quickly sat on the floor. Her grandaunt said, "You know Aunt Norain? She's divorced because of this! So, it's true. Both her marriages failed. Sherry, you must take these superstitions seriously."

Sherry nodded. She mumbled to herself, "Do I have a choice?"

Questions 1 to 8

Complete the following table.

Choose no more than three words and/or a number from the text for each answer.

